

—though one or two might have been left out for reasons of propriety and morality. In too many of our recently edited Latin and Greek texts are to be found—on the plea of art forsooth—representatives of things infamous, unnamable. A family newspaper which cares to retain its circulation would not shock the view of its patrons by the printing of certain of their cuts. Just one or two defects of this glaring nature are sufficient to bar our Catholic colleges and academies to manuals that otherwise supply a much felt need of our times for a quick and easy understanding of the classics. Expurgated texts are now everywhere prepared for students. Why not expurgate entirely the picturing of the indecencies of a corrupt heathen mythology which are liable to do more harm than good if they needlessly incite to prurient curiosity and to sensual passion.

*Laelius de Amicitia* is "another useful book from the American Book Company. In very full notes, the editor Mr. Clifton Price, instructor in the university of California, devotes special attention to those subjects in which students most need help. The author, the sources, style and form of the work are discussed at length. A complete index refers to the contents of both the notes and the introduction.

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#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

Foncin's *Le Pays de France*: Bruno's *Le Tour de la France* (American Book Company). Price 60 cents each. The *Wager* of Gerald O'Rourke, A Christmas Drama (Benziger Brothers), 35 cents.